

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended.

The indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2-11 and 13-16 is gratefully acknowledged. By this amendment, and without concession as to the propriety of the outstanding rejection, rejected Claims 1, 12 and 17-19 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 13 have been amended into independent form to include the features of the base claim thereby placing the application into condition for allowance.

An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

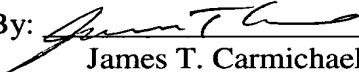
Should the Examiner believe any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T3497-8776US01) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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